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Bible & Daily Living

Jesus prays for church

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Jesus Prays For His Church
November 1, 1981
Bible Study Passage: John 17:1-6, 20-26
Introduction

Jesus always practiced what he preached! He never asked his diciples to do anything he was not willing to do or to go anywhere he was not willing to go. And when life bogged down and his spirits were low, he sought divine help and inspiration from his heavenly father.

But Jesus also always remembered to pray for his disciples and his Church. His prayers revealed his concern and his dependence upon God.

This week we eavesdrop upon one of Jesus' moving prayers. Anytime we are privileged to listen in upon the deep concerns of another person, we may feel that we are upon holy ground. Such is the case as we listen to the moving prayer of Jesus.

There are occasions in my ministry to patients that I feel as though I am on "holy ground." Every now and then a patient shares openly the hurt and struggles in their life. At the end of our time together I feel as if I should "take off my shoes" in tribute to the sharing experience.

Consider now the prayer of Jesus.

The Mission of Christ [John 17:1-5]

Jesus had a great deal to do in his brief three year mission. He did not have time to waste because the tide of rejection would soon turn against him. Thus, Jesus had to work quickly to establish his Church before his "hour" struck.

His mission was strange. Jesus entered the human drama only to face death for the human race. The irony of Jesus' death is that he brought glory to his heavenly father through his sacrificial death upon the cross. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself" (2 Cor. 5:19).

Jesus saw beyond his earthly mission to his return from whence he came. Following his crucifixion and death, Jesus would ascend to his heavenly Father where he would assume "a name which is above every name" (Phil. 2:9).

Christ and His Disciples [John 17:6-19]

Jesus always gave credit where credit was due. He acknowledged his dependence upon his heavenly Father and noted that all he had came from the Father. Even the disciples were seen by Jesus as gifts from the Father. Thus, Jesus always assumed the position of "son" in relation to the "Father."

Jesus loved his disciples and prayed they might be unified in spirit and purpose. He sought to lead them to pool their resources to build upon the work he had done. He knew his departure would leave the disciples in a position of having to face the same opposition Jesus faced while on earth.

Jesus knew the disciples would need strength and support to carry on his earthly mission of introducing people to the kingdom of heaven. Thus, Jesus earnestly prayed for his disciples that they might be preserved through the firey ordeals and temptations to be unfaithful.

Christ and His Church [John 17:20-26]

Jesus' prayers were not for his original disciples alone. But he also prayed for all believers everywhere and in every age. Thus, Christ prayed for you and me that we might remain true to our mission in the face of all obstacles.

Christ intended that his Church should strive for unity while the rest of the world is in disarray. The Church is called to be a stabilizing force in a world which is neither stable nor united in peace.

The church has a difficult task to perform, a task which can only be accomplished when the Church and its disciples strive together in unity and sense of mission.

The Church is at its best when it presents to the world a unified mission of proclamation through both word and deed. Unless the church bears fruits which are relevant to the needs of people, the people will see no relevance in needing the church.

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Mass Planned

Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church will celebrate Mass at 11:30 a.m. at the Oakville School on Highway 26.

C.C.D. classes for pre-school to 8th grade will be taught at the Oakville School at 10:30 a.m. on November 1.

C.C.D. classes for grades 9 thru 12 will meet at the home of Ronald Steinkamp on Highway 26 at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Halloween Party until 10:00 p.m.

Springfield News

The Rev. Warren Napier and the Young Adult Choir from Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Hixburg, Va., will render service at the Springfield Baptist Church on Sunday, November 1, 1981, at 3 p.m. for the benefit of the Young Adult Choir.

Everyone is cordially invited!

Springfield Sunday Appreciation Day services rendered by Rev. Robert Jeffery, along with his choir and congregation from Pilgrim Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va. was really enjoyed by all. We thank each and everyone who came to make this day successful, and especially thanks to the sponsors; Mr. and Mrs. Foster A. Lewis and Miss Cora F. Pankey for such a spiritual feast.

A call business meeting will be held at the Springfield Baptist Church on October 31, 1981 at 6 p.m. The chairman has asked all members to please be present.

Two of our church members are still on the sick list. Mrs. Ellen Mays and Deacon Earl Daye. Lets continue to pray for them and all who are sick and shut-in.

The Golden Trumpteers of Appomattox will render an afternoon of songs on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 3 p.m. at Springfield Baptist Church. The public is cordially invited.

Jack Shanks

David Pledger

R. J. Coots

Church plans Missions Conference

The Friendship Baptist Church will host their first annual Missions Conference, beginning Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. and continuing through Sunday evening, Nov. 4 through 8.

The pastor and members of Friendship Baptist Church extend a cordial welcome to their many friends in the community to come and hear these men preach each evening.

The Rev. R. J. Coots, pastor of the Pine Grove Baptist Church in Houston, Texas will be the key-note speaker. The Rev. Coots was a dental missionary in Yucatan, Mexico for a number of years. Since returning to the states, he has built a thriving church in Houston, along with a successful christian school, including all twelve grades.

The Rev. Jack Shanks is pastor of the Harmony Baptist Church, in New Caney, Texas. He has pastored in Texas for many years. He taught school and was the Head Master of a large Christian School in Memphis, Tenn. He also taught in the Spurgeon Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tenn. He is frequently invited to speak in Grace Bible Conferences around the country.

The Rev. David Pledger went to the Yucatan, Penn. Mexico about fifteen years ago. He stayed on the field for twelve years. While he was there, he established eleven churches that were self-operating. They had native preachers, whom he and two other missionaries trained. Today, these churches are doing well and supporting other works in that part of the country. Rev. Pledger had a burden to come back to Houston and start a church in a rapidly growing area where thousands of homes were being built. He has been there three years now and a church is completely built, with a mission program. This pastor had the opportunity to visit this new church last year, and it is doing very good.

Mt. Shiloh News

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want". Psalm 23:1.

Regular morning worship service was conducted last Sunday at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Yuille delivered an inspiring message. His subject was "A Strong Foundation". He conveyed to the congregation that any structure must be built upon a strong foundation, so that when storms prevail, the structure can withstand the torture.

The First Appreciation Service for pastor Emeritus, the Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Sr. was given last Sunday at 4 p.m. A large crowd, consisting of the family, members, and friends attended this joyous occasion. Rev. Winston R. Jones preached a most rewarding sermon. The Rev. Lawing was presented with a money tree, flowers, and a plaque commending him for his 32 years of service at Mt. Shiloh.

Your prayers are needed for Mrs. Mattie Paige, who is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital. Mrs. Mary Page is improving nicely, but is still in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Let's pray fervently for the sick and shut-in everywhere. Have a good week, and do a good deed to make someone happy!

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A special message to the area voters who will determine the character, direction, and quality of Virginia's leadership for the next four years:

Five reasons we believe Lieutenant Governor Charles S. Robb is clearly the one right choice for governor in this November's election.

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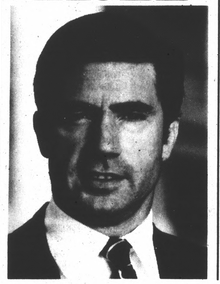

1. Charles Robb will protect our conservative fiscal traditions.
He has promised to work cooperatively with the conservative General Assembly to avoid tax increases, but he has courageously refused to seek votes by pledging to veto any new tax. Charles Robb understands that the full impact of reduced federal revenues, inflation, and high interest rates cannot be responsibly predicted now for the next four years.

2. Charles Robb will be an outstanding spokesman for more new jobs.
He's ready to go to work for 50,000 new jobs a year, with a remarkable 120-point plan for economic development. And with his national prominence in the business community, he'll see that American industry gets Virginia's message—so Virginians get the jobs.

3. Charles Robb will fight rising crime rates with 60 tough proposals.
His comprehensive program to promote swift, sure punishment includes provisions for stiffer criteria for bail; tougher sentences for repeat offenders; a crackdown on criminals using firearms; and intensified prosecution of hard drug dealers.

4. Charles Robb will continue to support every Virginian's right to work.
He has consistently upheld our right-to-work law, both as a fundamental freedom and an important new-business incentive. He has just as consistently opposed collective bargaining for public employees. And he will stand by both of those positions as governor.

5. Charles Robb will provide the leadership which is the real issue of this campaign.
In spite of strong efforts by Charles Robb's opponent to turn the election into a referendum on President Reagan and ride into office on the President's coattails, the only real issue is leadership for Virginia. One of two men will be governor for the next four years. That is what this election is all about.

If you share our concern for the possible outcome of this year's election, we urge you join us and support the one candidate who is honestly in step with the traditions, the hopes, and the needs of Virginia today: Charles Robb, for governor, November 3!

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Coleman family gathers

Family and friends of the late Joel Watkins Coleman, Jr. and Cassie Maude Webb Coleman gathered at the home of Malcolm Joel Coleman, Hixburg for a family reunion Sunday, Oct. 18, 1981. Over 100 guests enjoyed a covered dish meal, followed by games and a reading of the family history by Nancy Coleman Farmer.

The present Coleman home was built in 1925 on the site of the original home, which burned in 1906.

The oldest family members present was Bascomb Coleman, 81 years old of Orlando, Florida. The youngest family member present was Jeremy Watkins Coleman, 1 year old of Farmville, Va.

Out-of-town guest present included the following: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Allen, Lynchburg; Mr. Calvin Coleman, Red Oak, Va.; Mr. Herbert Gilliam, Roanoke, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Coleman, Oak Hill, West Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Claude East, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pederson, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McPhillips, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Wilkerson, Katy and Paige, Mr. and Mrs. Dicky Seay, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Jennings, and Mrs. Denise Anderson and Tina, all of Richmond; Mrs. Kim Saum, Lexington, Kentucky; Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Thomas, Oklawaha, Florida, Mrs. Beverly Ann Reis, Tucson, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Coleman, Amy and Billy, Plant City, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. John Kimball, Vienia, Va.; Mrs. Kathleen Coleman Collins, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Bascomb Coleman, Orlando, Florida; Mrs. Audrey Webb Fox, Bakersfield, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Beasley, Dillwyn, Va.; Mr. W. A. Price, and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Coleman, Jr., Joey and Jeremy, Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen and Laurie, all of Prospect, Va.

And also Mrs. William Harvey, Cullen, Va.; Mrs. George Metcalf, Darlington Heights, Va.; Mrs. Bob Frye and Ryan, Hampden Sydney, Va.

Photo by Allen Austin

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Franklin of Appomattox were honored recently with a reception in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin were married Oct. 3, 1941. They have two children, and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Kerry Eugene Richardson

Miss Johnson marries

The marriage of Elizabeth Carol Johnson to Kerry Eugene Richardson took place the evening of October 2 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Johnson in Manteo, N. C., with the Rev. Carroll Daniels, pastor of First Assembly of God in Manteo officiating.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Eugene Richardson of Pamplin.

The bride is a graduate of Manteo High School.

The bridesgroom is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is presently serving a tour of duty with the United States Coast Guard, stationed in Yorktown, Va.

The couple will live in Yorktown.

Christmas Open House

Theme: Joy + Sharing = Christmas
November 9 — 13, 1981

Hostess Schedule		
Monday	November 9, 1981	
	10:00 — 1:00	County Line
	1:00 — 4:00	Country Lane
Tuesday	November 10, 1981	
	10:00 — 1:00	Oakville
	1:00 — 4:00	Bethany
	7:00 — 9:00	Henny Penny
Wednesday	November 11, 1981	
	10:00 — 1:00	Pamplin
	1:00 — 4:00	Spout Spring Prog.
Thursday	November 12, 1981	
	10:00 — 1:00	Stonewall
	1:00 — 4:00	Volunteers
	7:00 — 9:00	Meadowlark
Friday	November 13, 1981	
	10:0 — 1:00	County Line
	1:00 — 4:00	Country Lane

Demonstrations	
Monday	
Evelyn Ford - Fabric Covered Picture Frames	10:00 — 1:00
Frances Wilson - Counted Cross Stitch	1:00 — 4:00
Tuesday	
Alease Drinkard - Ceramics	10:00 - 1:00
Ruby Moses - Quilting	1:00 — 4:00
Penny Mongold - Granny Square Stockings	7:00 - 9:00
Wednesday	
Grace Miner - Knitted Snowmen	10:00 — 1:00
Dolly Brown - Corn Husk Dolls	10:00 — 4:00
Betty Franklin - Mints	1:00 — 4:00
Shirley Walton - Chair Seat Weaving	10:00 — 4:00
Thursday	
Ann Foltz - Tole Painting	1:00 — 3:00
Meadowlark Club - Wreaths	7:00 — 9:00
Friday	
Ethel Evans - Plastic Needlepoint Picture Frames	10:00 — 1:00
Ellen O'Brien - Needlepoint	10:00 — 1:00

Sorority meets

Xi Gamma Tau chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its meeting on Wednesday, October 21, at the home of Cheryl LeGrand.

The meeting was opened by members reciting the opening ritual, the order of business was conducted by president Anne Harris.

The cultural program was presented by Vicky Lucado and Cheryl LeGrand.

Plans were finalized for the pancake supper that will be held on October 31, 1981 at the Oakville Lions Club from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. "All You Can Eat".

Prices will be $2.00 for adults $1.00 for children, children under 5 free.

Pancakes will be homemade the old-fashioned way, with eggs and buttermilk and served with bacon and pure Vermont maple syrup. Sweet clover honey from local hives, homemade peach, strawberry, grape and pear preserves, will also be served.

Proceeds from this will be used for the chapters local charity projects.

The meeting was adjourned by members reciting the closing ritual. A social hour followed.

Club to meet

Geraldine Marshall will be hostess to the Oakville Extension Homemakers Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1:30 p.m. (note change in the date).

Shirley Walton and Elaine Hampton will give the demonstration on "Breads."

On Thursday, Nov. 4, the club will serve supper to the Ruritans at 7:00 p.m.

23 'visit' Hawaii

Twenty-three members and guests of the Appomattox Homemakers Club spent a delightful two hours "in Hawaii" on Tuesday, October 20, with their hostesses, Mrs. Florence Trent and her daughter, Miss Lina Trent. In anticipation of the "trip," each person, upon arrival, had a flower pinned in her hair.

The Fellowship Hall of Liberty Baptist Church, arm-chair "plane" upon which the group "travelled," was decorated with maps and pictures of the Hawaiian Islands, as well as other mementos of the four trips the hostesses have made to this most distant of these United States.

Upon "arrival" in Honolulu, Lina introduced the "travellers" to the islands by relating the "Spirit of Aloha" (Aloha means "Hello," "Farewell," "I will return"), explaining the origin of the islands, and describing local customs. Everyone was then eager to take off on a sight-seeing tour, so Lina showed a great many lovely slides of this earthly paradise, made by herself and a professional photographer who was on the tour with them last April.

By now the group was ready for a change of pace and Mrs. Trent showed souvenirs which were displayed on two large tables, explaining how some items were made and giving their uses. The only regret the ladies had was in not seeing the collection of colorful mu-mu's modelled by the hostesses.

Returning to more mundane matters, the club held its business meeting, presided over by the new president, Mrs. Mariella Worley.

Concluding the visit to Hawaii, the hostesses served refreshments of Hawaiian punch, macadamia nuts, cookies, and other Hawaiian delicacies. Upon leaving, each person was given a copy of a recipe for Hawaiian chicken salad.

Birth announced

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Eugene Henderson are proud to announce the birth of their son, Paul Eugene, born Monday, October 12, 1981. He weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz.

His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Oral Ferguson. His maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Elder and Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Ferguson.

His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Henderson. His paternal great-grandparents are Mrs. Viola Mayberry and Mr. Clarence Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Wayne Pierce announce the birth of their son, Kevin Wayne. Kevin was born on October 3, weighed 9 lbs. and was 21 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Foster L. (Jimmy) Pierce.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Thelma Hughes.

Paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. B. A. Johnson, all of Appomattox.

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Social News

David Marshall and Susan Cobb of Richmond visited his parents, Mr and Mrs. Ben Marshall, in Appomattox this Sunday.

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Visiting in the home of Viola Ferguson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Henderson of Spout Spring; Virginia Doss of Lynchburg; Gail Doss of Suffolk; Bruce Gallier of Lynchburg; Kenneth Henderson and son, Michael, Mrs. Sammy Carter of Gladstone, Andy Doss and Stacy Cyrus of Hollywood, and Mrs. Cecil Reynolds.

Drama slated

Family Service of Central Virginia, a United Way Agency, the Appomattox Women's Club, and Appomattox Junior Woman's Club will present a 30 minute drama entitled "Divide and Multiply" at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 2 at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Appomattox.

This drama focuses on separation, divorce, and single parenthood. Following the performance there will be an open discussion. The public is invited and there will be no admission charge.

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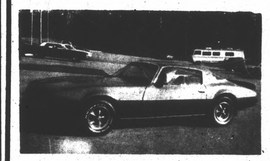
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